IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Faurie; Pierre Gibart

Application No.

Filed:

For: Process for Producing an Epitaxial Layer of

Gallium Nitride

Continuation-in-Part Application of: Application No. 09/960,829

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of the Continuation-in-Part Application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/960,829, filed

September 21, 2001, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/530,050, filed July 7, 2000. Now U.S. Pat. No. 6, 325, 850.

Respectfully submitted,

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